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Senate sends JOBS start-up package to governor

LANSING – A bi-cameral, bi-partisan package of bills designed to provide tax incentives for small start-up businesses was passed by the Senate today, announced Sen. Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau.

The package is the last portion of the initial phase of the JOBS Action Plan for revitalizing Michigan's economy, creating and saving jobs and spurring business investment.

"The Legislature has worked very hard over the last several months to complete work on this phase of the JOBS Action Plan," McManus said. "I look forward to seeing these reforms signed into law so Michigan residents can begin to benefit from them."

The bills are designed to encourage the growth of small firms that have the highest potential of creating future jobs and economic growth for Michigan. They would exempt certain businesses from most taxes during their first five years of business – traditionally the toughest years for businesses.

Businesses that qualify would be exempt from property taxes, state and city income tax, as well as the SBT for five years if the firm has no net income. Qualified firms are still subject to sales and use taxes.

"A healthy, viable small-business climate is critical to Michigan's economy," McManus said. "We need to help high-potential small businesses survive so they can provide jobs and economic growth over the long term."

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